

## WORKFORCE AT A GLANCE

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### Statewide Overview

Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,759,500 for April 2006. This figure represented a decrease over the month of 4,400 jobs and a decrease over the year of 182,000 employees. The largest net increase over the month was in Professional and Business Services with an increase of 2,100 jobs. Statewide employment figures for seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment can be found on page 2.

Changes from March to April revealed growth in four industry sectors and reductions in seven industry sectors. Natural Resources and Mining increased 600; Construction increased 1,300; Professional and Business Services increased 2,100; and Other Services increased 400. Those industry sectors reporting declines in employment were Manufacturing, 100; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 2,800; Information, 200; Financial Activities, 200; Educational and Health Services, 2,700; Leisure and Hospitality, 1,600; and Government, 1,200.

Over the year, seasonally adjusted figures indicated an increase in only one industry sector, Natural Resources and Mining with 2,000 positions. Reductions were found in all the other industry sectors. Employment declined in Construction, 13,300 jobs; Manufacturing, 11,100 jobs; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 20,800 jobs; Information, 1,600 jobs; Financial Activities, 4,700 jobs; Professional and Business Services, 22,600 jobs; Educational and Health Services, 46,600 jobs; Leisure and Hospitality, 40,100 jobs; Other Services, 13,000 jobs; and Government, 10,200 jobs.

The April preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana remained the same as the March rate of 4.8 percent. The national unemployment rate for April remained the same as the March rate of 4.7 percent. Total unemployment in the state for April was 90,063. The state civilian labor force increased to 1,872,671, with a decrease in total employment to 1,782,608.

### Economic Indicators

| Seasonally Adjusted                                | Preliminary<br>APRIL 2006 |                  |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
|  | United States             | Louisiana        |
| <b>Civilian Labor Force</b>                        |                           |                  |
| Labor Force  | 150,811,000               | 1,872,671        |
| Employed   | 143,688,000               | 1,782,608        |
| Unemployed   | 7,123,000                 | 90,063           |
| Unemployment Rate                                  | 4.7                       | 4.8              |
| <b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment</b>          | <b>APR 2006</b>           | <b>APR 2006</b>  |
|  | <b>United States</b>      | <b>Louisiana</b> |
| Total Nonfarm                                      | 135,068,000               | 1,759,500        |
| Nat. Resources and Mining                          | 669,000                   | 47,400           |
| Construction                                       | 7,510,000                 | 107,200          |
| Manufacturing                                      | 14,246,000                | 143,600          |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities               | 26,063,000                | 361,300          |
| Information  | 3,071,000                 | 28,100           |
| Financial Activities                               | 8,313,000                 | 94,300           |
| Professional and Business Services                 | 17,233,000                | 168,800          |
| Educational and Health Services                    | 17,656,000                | 210,100          |
| Leisure and Hospitality                            | 13,006,000                | 170,100          |
| Other Services                                     | 5,397,000                 | 58,500           |
| Government   | 21,904,000                | 370,100          |
| <b>Average Hours &amp; Earnings</b>                |                           |                  |
|  | (Not Seasonally Adjusted) |                  |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>              | <b>APR 2006</b>           | <b>APR 2006</b>  |
|  | <b>United States</b>      | <b>Louisiana</b> |
| Average Weekly Earnings                            | \$ 895.58                 | \$ 960.87        |
| Average Weekly Hours                               | 45.3                      | 44.3             |
| Average Hourly Wages                               | \$ 19.77                  | \$ 21.69         |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                               |                           |                  |
| Average Weekly Earnings                            | \$ 675.83                 | \$ 800.26        |
| Average Weekly Hours                               | 40.3                      | 41.4             |
| Average Hourly Wages                               | \$ 16.77                  | \$ 19.33         |
| <b>Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities</b> |                           |                  |
| <b>Claims</b>                                      | <b>APR 2006</b>           |                  |
| Initial New & Renewals                             | 8,642                     |                  |
| Continued Weekly Intrastate Only                   | 77,452                    |                  |
| <b>Insured Unemployment Rate</b>                   | 2.1                       |                  |
| <b>Benefits</b>                                    |                           |                  |
| Number of First Payment                            | 3,631                     |                  |
| Benefits Paid (000's)                              | \$                        | 16,577           |
| Weeks Compensated                                  | 90,158                    |                  |
| Average Wkly. Benefit Amount                       | \$                        | 185.58           |
| Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)                  | NA                        |                  |
| <b>Exhaustions</b>                                 | 5,718                     |                  |
| <b>United States Consumer Price Index</b>          |                           |                  |
|  | <b>APR 2006</b>           |                  |
| <b>All Urban Consumers</b>                         | 201.5                     |                  |

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

## Economic Comparison

| Seasonally Adjusted         | Preliminary<br>APRIL 2006 |           | Revised Preliminary<br>MARCH 2006 |           | Revised<br>APRIL 2005 |           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                             | United States             | Louisiana | United States                     | Louisiana | United States         | Louisiana |
| <b>Civilian Labor Force</b> |                           |           |                                   |           |                       |           |
| Labor Force                 | 150,811,000               | 1,872,671 | 150,652,000                       | 1,871,974 | 148,839,000           | 2,108,153 |
| Employed                    | 143,688,000               | 1,782,608 | 143,641,000                       | 1,782,722 | 141,196,000           | 1,997,840 |
| Unemployed                  | 7,123,000                 | 90,063    | 7,011,000                         | 89,252    | 7,644,000             | 110,313   |
| Unemployment Rate           | 4.7                       | 4.8       | 4.7                               | 4.8       | 5.1                   | 5.2       |

| Nonfarm Wage and<br>Salary Employment   | APR 2006      | APR 2006  | MAR 2006      | MAR 2006<br>Revised | APR 2005      | APR 2005  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|
|   | United States | Louisiana | United States | Louisiana           | United States | Louisiana |
| Total Nonfarm                           | 135,068,000   | 1,759,500 | 134,930,000   | 1,763,900           | 133,104,000   | 1,941,500 |
| Nat. Resources and Mining               | 669,000       | 47,400    | 661,000       | 46,800              | 620,000       | 45,400    |
| Construction                            | 7,510,000     | 107,200   | 7,500,000     | 105,900             | 7,243,000     | 120,500   |
| Manufacturing                           | 14,246,000    | 143,600   | 14,227,000    | 143,700             | 14,256,000    | 154,700   |
| Trade, Transportation,<br>and Utilities | 26,063,000    | 361,300   | 26,077,000    | 364,100             | 25,861,000    | 382,100   |
| Information                             | 3,071,000     | 28,100    | 3,073,000     | 28,300              | 3,072,000     | 29,700    |
| Financial Activities                    | 8,313,000     | 94,300    | 8,287,000     | 94,500              | 8,100,000     | 99,000    |
| Professional and<br>Business Services   | 17,233,000    | 168,800   | 17,205,000    | 166,700             | 16,780,000    | 191,400   |
| Educational and<br>Health Services      | 17,656,000    | 210,100   | 17,621,000    | 212,800             | 17,241,000    | 256,700   |
| Leisure and Hospitality                 | 13,006,000    | 170,100   | 12,986,000    | 171,700             | 12,770,000    | 210,200   |
| Other Services                          | 5,397,000     | 58,500    | 5,396,000     | 58,100              | 5,393,000     | 71,500    |
| Government                              | 21,904,000    | 370,100   | 21,897,000    | 371,300             | 21,768,000    | 380,300   |

### Average Hours & Earnings

| Natural Resources<br>& Mining | United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted) |           |           | Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted) |          |          |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                               | APR 2006                                | MAR 2006  | APR 2005  | APR 2006                            | MAR 2006 | APR 2005 |
| Average Weekly Earnings       | \$ 895.58                               | \$ 874.16 | \$ 846.71 | \$960.87                            | \$983.97 | \$961.09 |
| Average Weekly Hours          | 45.3                                    | 44.6      | 45.4      | 44.3                                | 42.8     | 46.7     |
| Average Hourly Wages          | \$ 19.77                                | \$ 19.60  | \$ 18.65  | \$21.69                             | \$22.99  | \$20.58  |
| Manufacturing                 |   |           |           |                                     |          |          |
| Average Weekly Earnings       | \$ 675.83                               | \$ 685.52 | \$ 663.34 | \$800.26                            | \$773.08 | \$721.65 |
| Average Weekly Hours          | 40.3                                    | 41.0      | 40.3      | 41.4                                | 42.5     | 42.5     |
| Average Hourly Wages          | \$ 16.77                                | \$ 16.72  | \$ 16.46  | \$19.33                             | \$18.19  | \$16.98  |

### Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

| Claims                            | APR 2006  | Revised<br>MAR 2006 | APR 2005  | % Change From |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
|                                   |           |                     |           | MAR 2006      | APR 2005 |
| Initial New & Renewals            | 8,642     | 9,422               | 12,246    | -8.3          | -29.4    |
| Continued Weekly Intrastate Only  | 77,452    | 113,018             | 99,427    | -31.5         | -22.1    |
| <b>Insured Unemployment Rate*</b> | 2.1       | 2.8                 | 1.6       | -24.7         | 29.4     |
| Benefits                          |           |                     |           |               |          |
| Number of First Payment           | 3,631     | 4,554               | 5,672     | -20.3         | -36.0    |
| Benefits Paid (000's)             | \$ 16,577 | \$ 27,399           | \$ 16,617 | -39.5         | -0.2     |
| Weeks Compensated                 | 90,158    | 141,949             | 87,204    | -36.5         | 3.4      |
| Average Wkly. Benefit Amount      | \$ 185.58 | \$ 194.76           | \$ 193.60 | -4.7          | -4.1     |
| Average Duration of Claim (Weeks) | NA        | NA                  | 15.4      | NA            | NA       |
| <b>Exhaustions</b>                | 5,718     | 22,020              | 2,479     | -74.0         | 130.7    |

\* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.

### United States Consumer Price Index

|                     | APR 2006 |                |            | MAR 2006 |                |            |
|---------------------|----------|----------------|------------|----------|----------------|------------|
|                     | Index    | % Change From: |            | Index    | % Change From: |            |
|                     |          | Prior Month    | Prior Year |          | Prior Month    | Prior Year |
| All Urban Consumers | 201.5    | + 0.9          | +3.5       | 199.8    | + 0.6          | +3.4       |

# Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana was 1,765,100 for April of this year. In comparison, total nonfarm employment was 1,766,400 for March 2006 and 1,949,200 for April of last year. There was a decline of 1,300 from one month ago. The loss of 184,100 from one year ago includes the loss of business caused by two catastrophic hurricanes.

Total nonfarm employment in the Alexandria MSA, estimated at 64,400 for April, showed a decrease of 1,300 from March. However, when compared to the year-ago figure, there was a gain of 1,700 jobs. Both supersectors were responsible for the over-the-month loss as well as the over-the-year gain.

Total nonfarm employment for the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 365,000 for April. The previous month's revised estimate was 363,500 and the previous year's estimate was 352,500. Over the month, goods producing rose by 1,000 and service providing was up 500. Over the year, goods producing gained 3,200 and service providing increased by 9,300.

In April, total nonfarm employment was 86,600 in the Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA. Goods producing employment was up 500 from March and 1,500 more than this same time last year. Service providing edged up slightly by 200 for both the 30-day and the 12-month intervals.

The Lafayette MSA total nonfarm employment for March reached a level of 141,300. When compared to one month and one year ago, employment rose 100 and 5,100, respectively. Since February, both supersectors experienced growth. Notably, positive movement was recorded for both supersectors over the year as well.

The Lake Charles MSA's total nonfarm employment estimate was 91,500. When compared to the March revised level of 91,900 employment decreased 400. On the other hand, when compared to last year, employment increased 1,200. Both supersectors dropped from March. Over the year, goods producing gained jobs while service providing lost jobs.

Total nonfarm employment was 79,800 for April in the Monroe MSA. This estimate represents an increase over the month of 300 and growth over the year of 1,000. Over the month, goods producing and service providing increased 200 and 100, respectively. Over the year, service providing added 1,200 jobs while goods producing reported 200 fewer jobs.

Total nonfarm employment for April in the New Orleans MSA was 424,400. Over the 30-day period employment dipped 1,300 as both goods producing and service providing employment contracted. When comparing the current estimate to the year-ago estimate there was a loss of 190,500 in employment. Once again, the majority of this decline can be attributed to the devastation reeked by hurricane Katrina.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was 178,500 for April. This number reflects a small increase from last month and a substantial increase from this same time last year. Goods producing was up over the month while service providing was down. Over the year, both supersectors experienced gains with service providing producing a little over 78 percent of the growth.

### Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

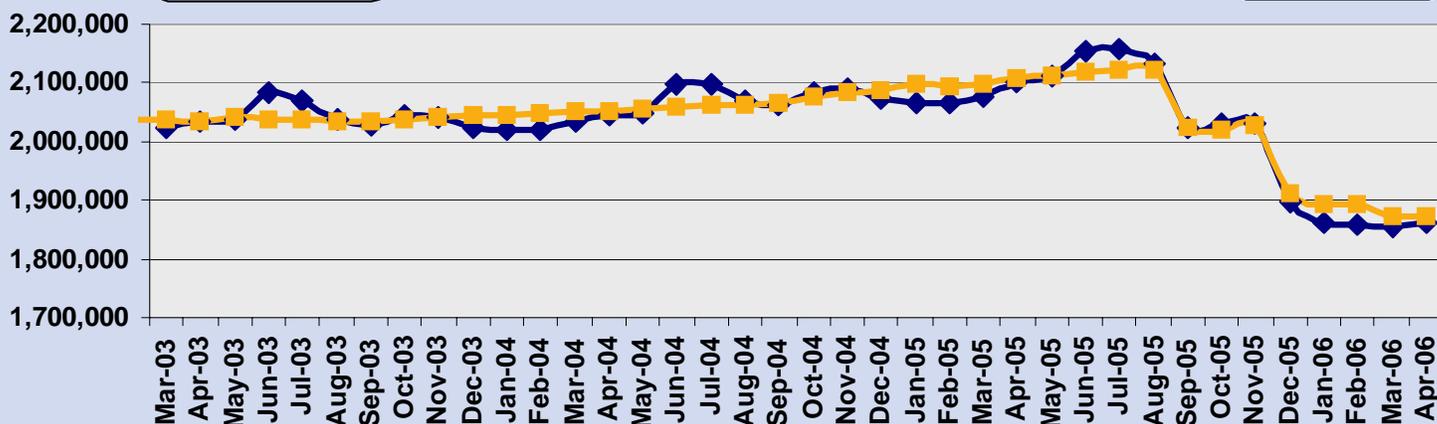
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

April 2006

### Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA  
1,872,671  
OTM: 697  
OTY: - 235,482

NSA  
1,862,562  
OTM: 8,854  
OTY: -240,324

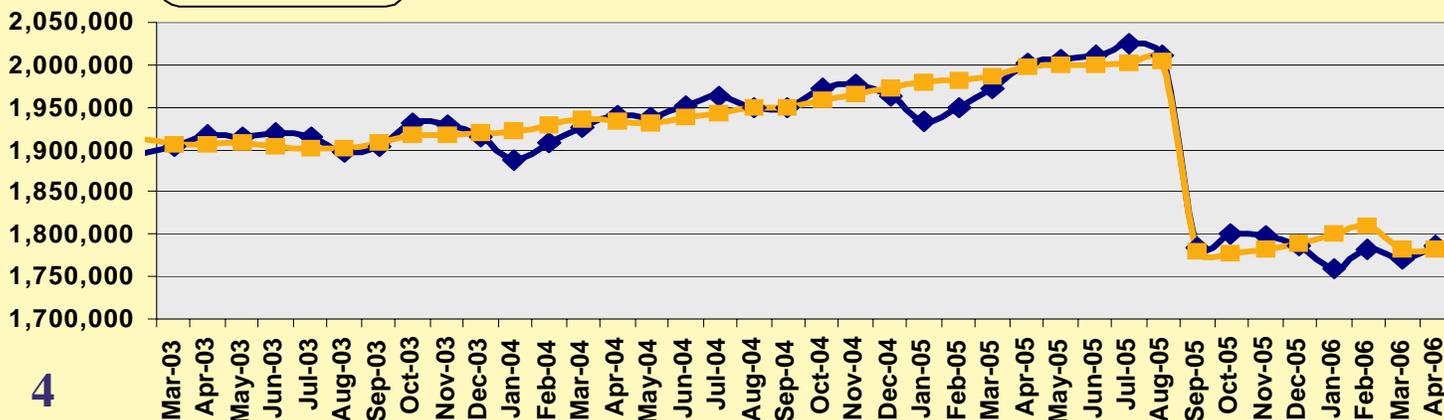


April 2006

### Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

SA  
1,782,608  
OTM: -114  
OTY: -215,232

NSA  
1,785,879  
OTM: 14,051  
OTY: - 217,155

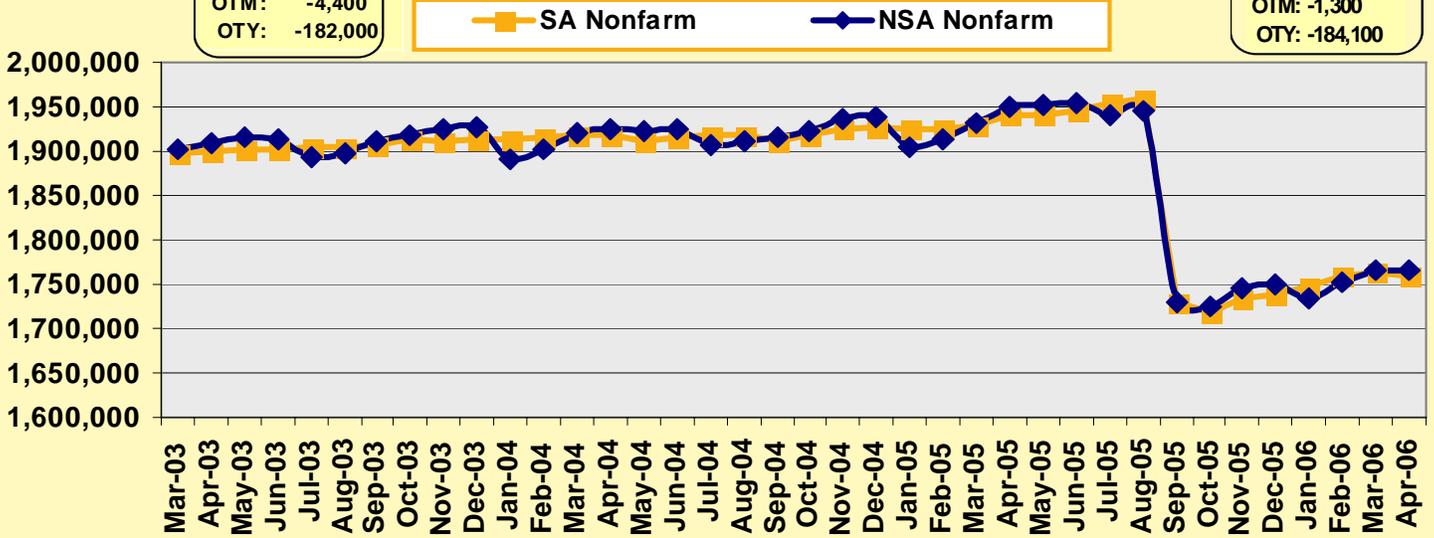


April 2006

SA  
1,759,500  
OTM: -4,400  
OTY: -182,000

### Louisiana Nonfarm Employment

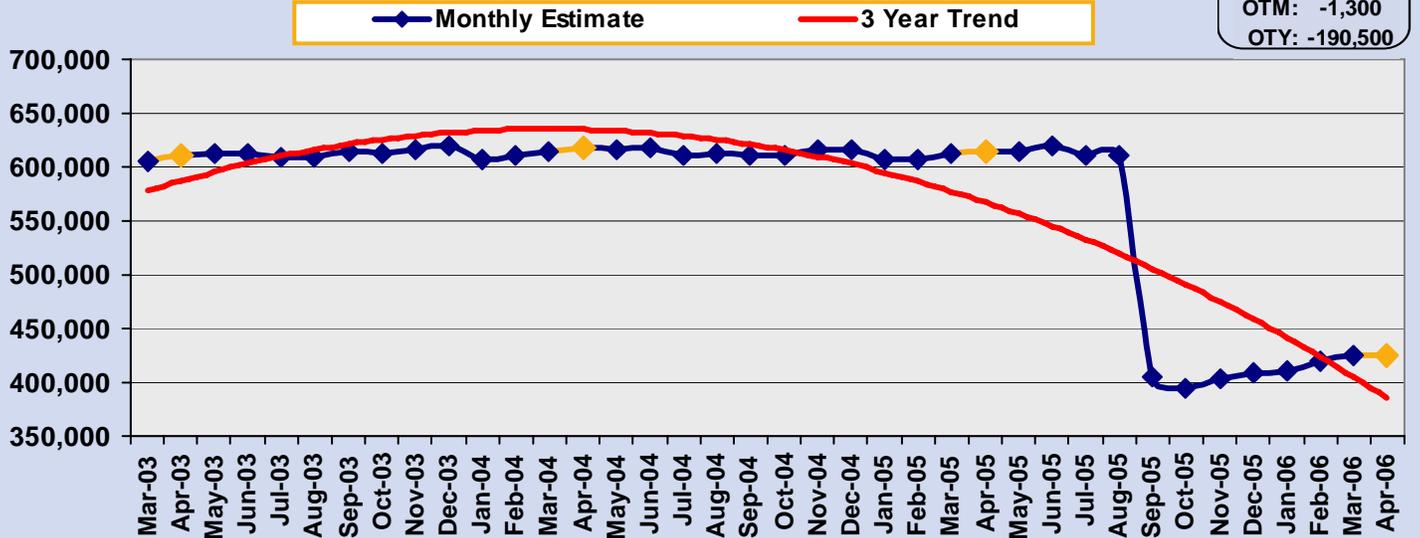
NSA  
1,765,100  
OTM: -1,300  
OTY: -184,100



April 2006

### New Orleans Nonfarm Employment

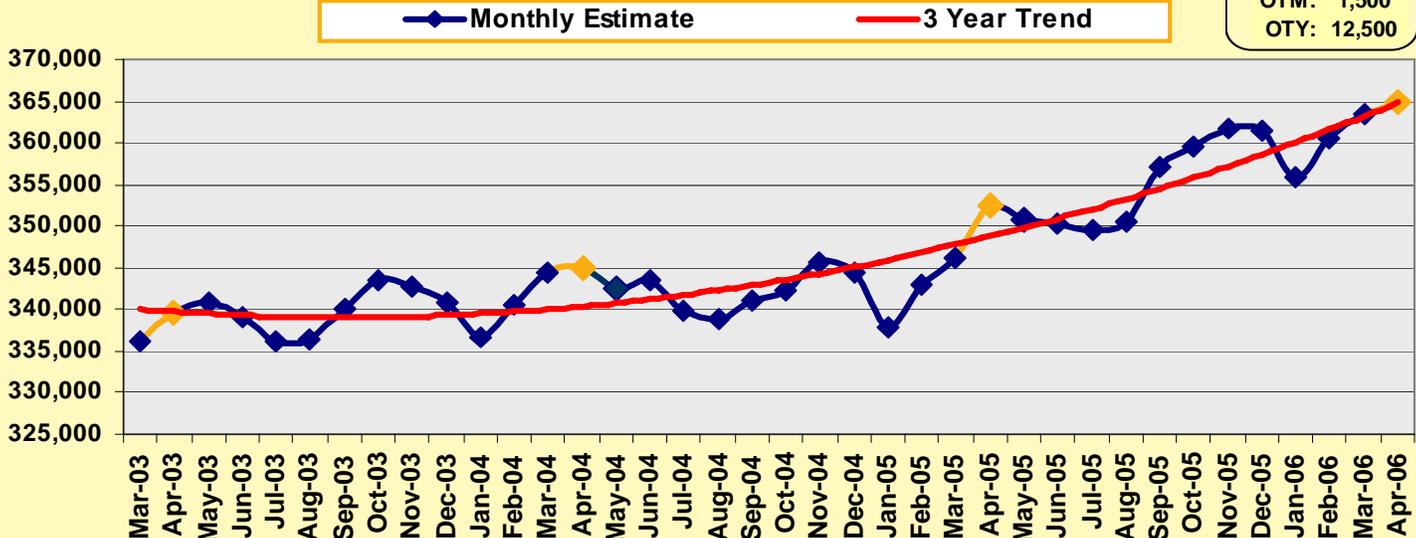
NSA  
424,400  
OTM: -1,300  
OTY: -190,500



April 2006

### Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

NSA  
365,000  
OTM: 1,500  
OTY: 12,500

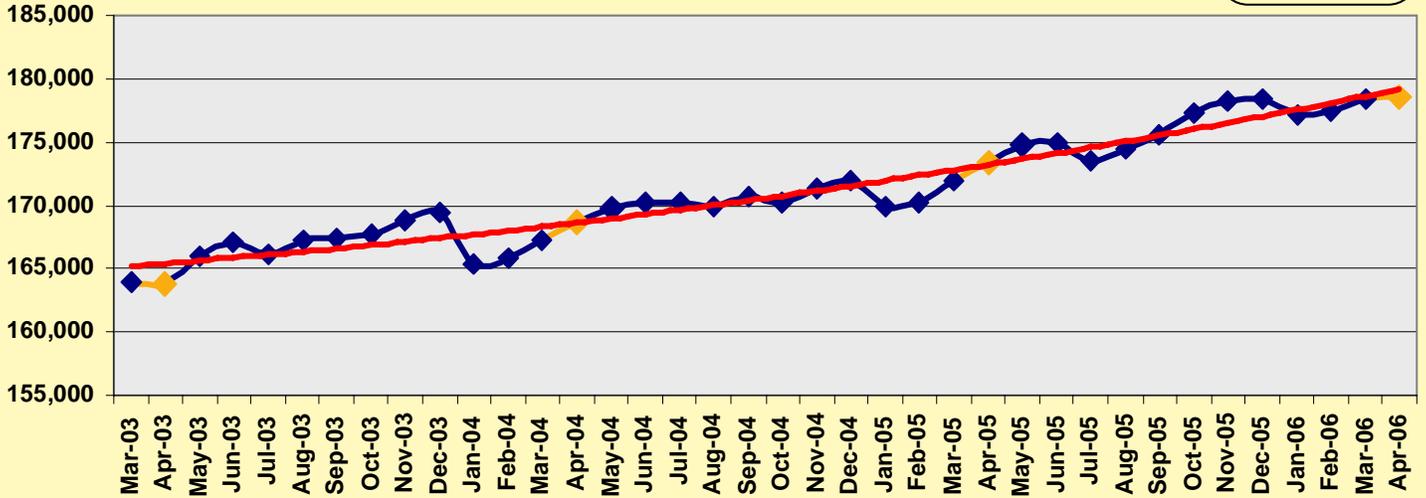


April 2006

### Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

NSA  
178,500  
OTM: 100  
OTY: 5,100

Monthly Estimate      3 Year Trend

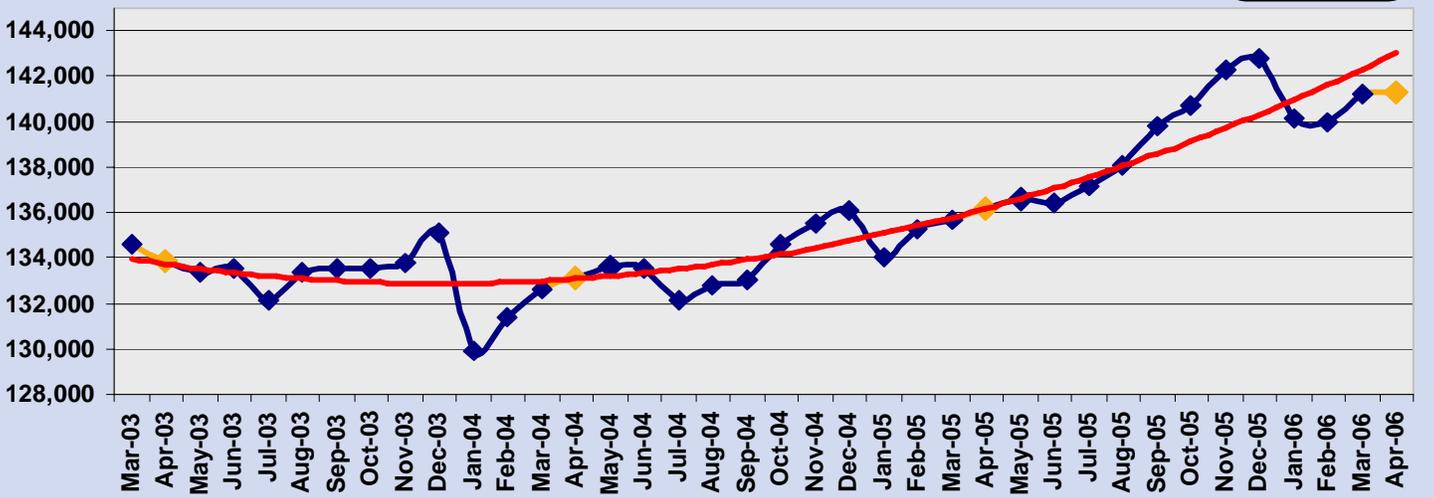


April 2006

### Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

NSA  
141,300  
OTM: 100  
OTY: 5,100

Monthly Estimate      3 Year Trend

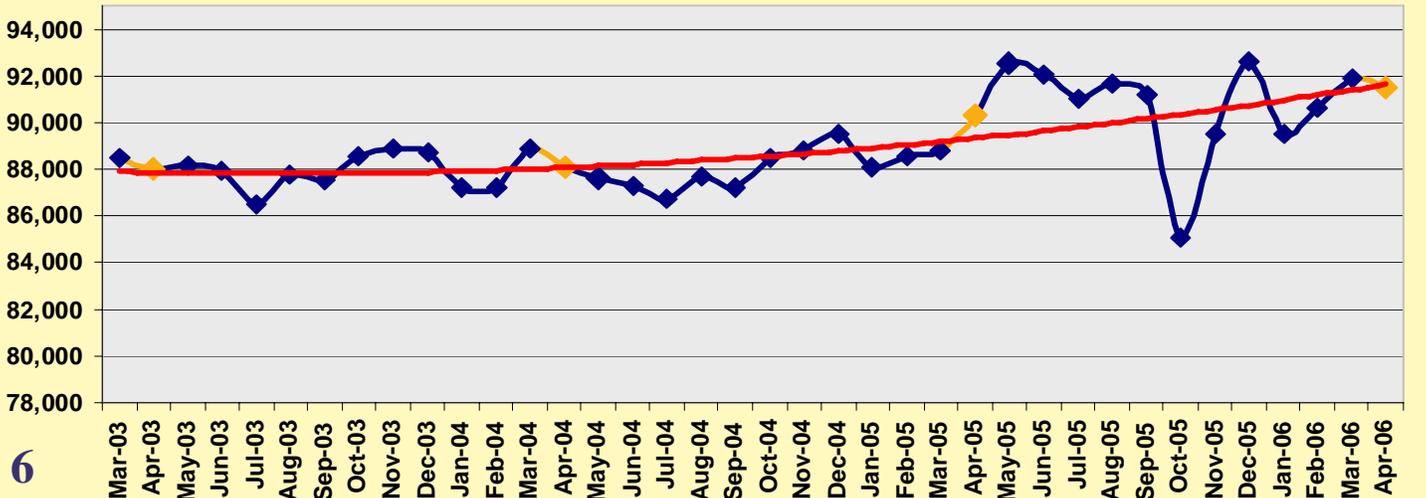


April 2006

### Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

NSA  
91,500  
OTM: -400  
OTY: 1,200

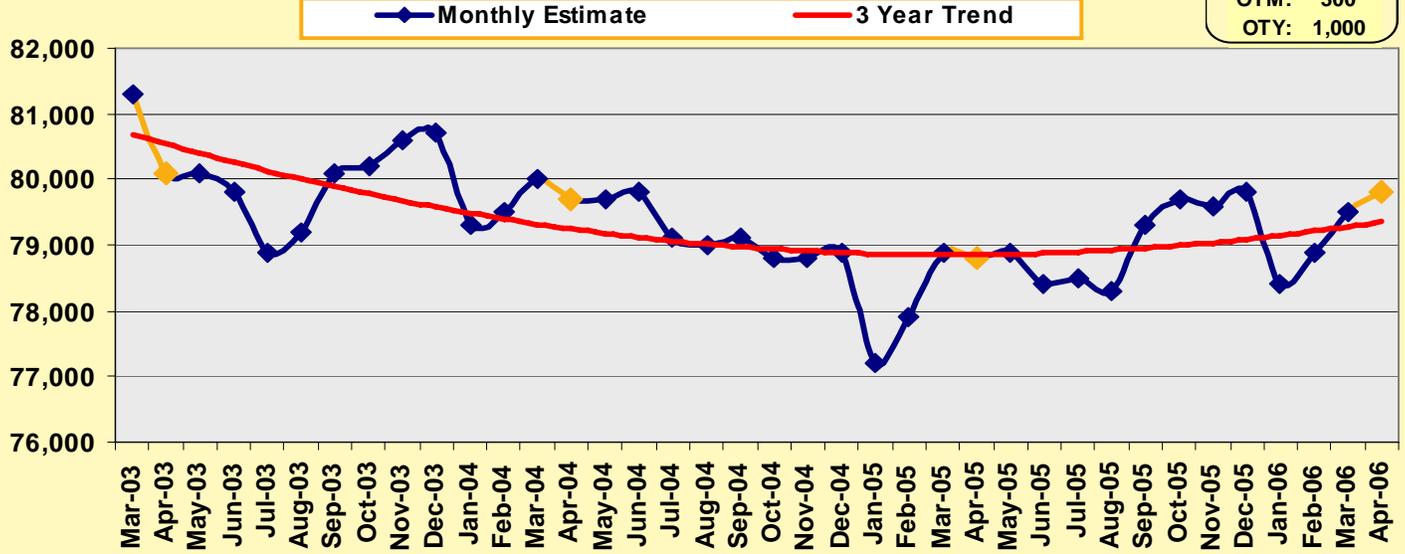
Monthly Estimate      3 Year Trend



April 2006

### Monroe Nonfarm Employment

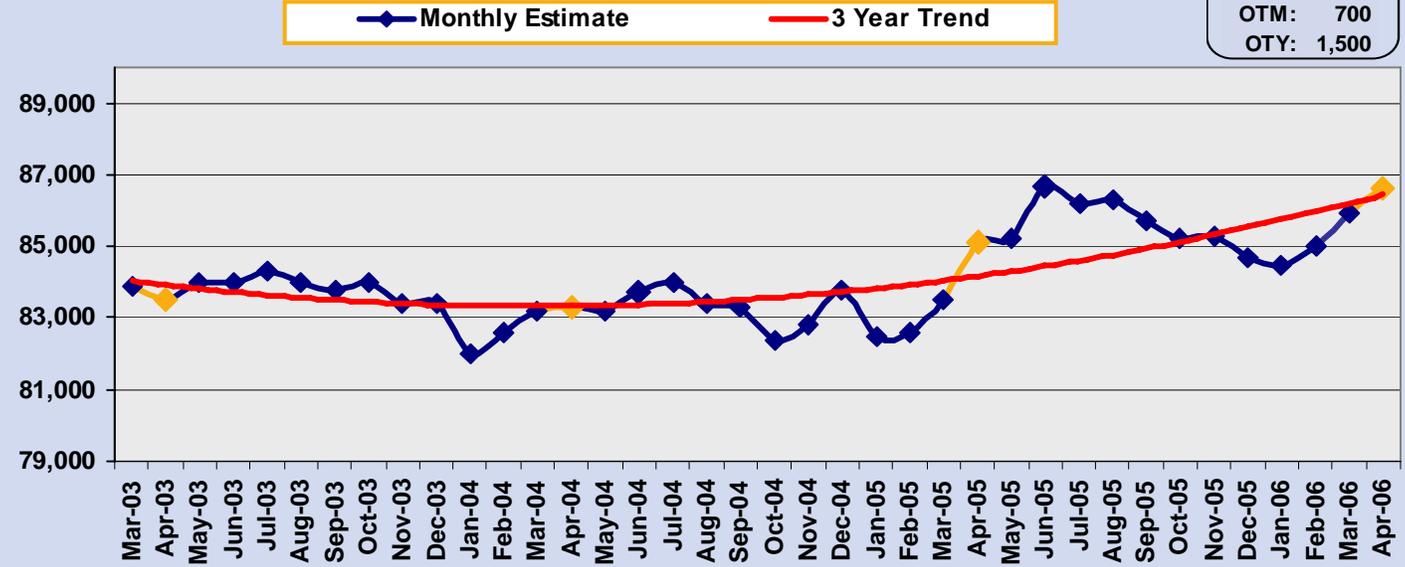
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|------|--------|
| NSA  | 79,800 |
| OTM: | 300    |
| OTY: | 1,000  |



April 2006

### Houma Nonfarm Employment

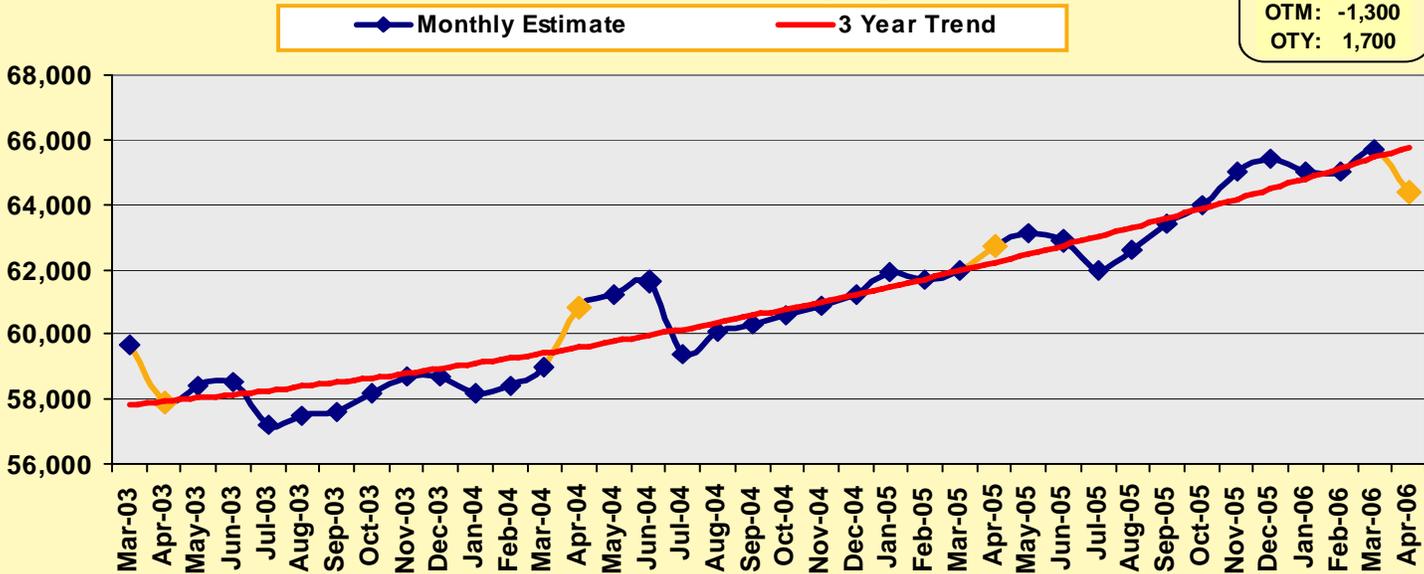
|      |        |
|------|--------|
| NSA  | 86,600 |
| OTM: | 700    |
| OTY: | 1,500  |



April 2006

### Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| NSA  | 64,400 |
| OTM: | -1,300 |
| OTY: | 1,700  |



| Not Seasonally Adjusted   | LOUISIANA |           |           | NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE-KENNER MSA |         |         | BATON ROUGE MSA |         |         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|
|   | PREL      | REV       | REV       | PREL                            | REV     | REV     | PREL            | REV     | REV     |
|   | APR       | MAR       | APR       | APR                             | MAR     | APR     | APR             | MAR     | APR     |
|   | 2006      | 2006      | 2005      | 2006                            | 2006    | 2005    | 2006            | 2006    | 2005    |
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>  | 1,765,100 | 1,766,400 | 1,949,200 | 424,400                         | 425,700 | 614,900 | 365,000         | 363,500 | 352,500 |
| <b>Total Private</b>  | 1,391,300 | 1,391,100 | 1,564,900 | 333,400                         | 334,000 | 509,800 | 288,800         | 286,700 | 277,200 |
| <b>Goods Producing</b>  | 297,800   | 295,900   | 320,200   | 56,900                          | 57,300  | 76,500  | 68,300          | 67,300  | 65,100  |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>   | 47,400    | 46,800    | 45,400    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining &amp; Construction</b>                            |           |           |           | 28,800                          | 29,300  | 38,100  | 41,900          | 41,000  | 39,100  |
| <b>Mining</b>   | 44,100    | 43,500    | 42,200    | 9,800                           | 9,900   | 8,300   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Oil &amp; Gas Extraction</b>   | 8,100     | 8,100     | 8,100     | 3,200                           | 3,300   | 3,500   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Crude Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Extraction</b>                                 | 8,100     | 8,000     | 7,900     |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Support Activities for Mining</b>  | 34,700    | 34,100    | 32,700    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Drilling Oil &amp; Gas Wells</b>   | 7,600     | 7,400     | 7,900     |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Construction</b>   | 106,900   | 106,200   | 120,900   | 18,800                          | 19,100  | 29,800  | 40,100          | 39,100  | 37,500  |
| <b>Building, Development, General Construction, &amp; Heavy Construction</b>        |           |           |           |                                 |         |         | 9,300           | 9,000   | 9,400   |
| <b>Construction of Buildings</b>  | 24,500    | 24,600    | 25,300    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Residential Building Construction</b>  | 8,000     | 8,000     | 7,400     |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Nonresidential Building Construction</b>   | 16,500    | 16,600    | 17,900    |                                 |         |         | 7,400           | 7,900   | 8,300   |
| <b>Heavy &amp; Civil Engineering Construction</b>                                   | 33,700    | 33,200    | 35,600    | 5,600                           | 5,800   | 7,400   | 13,900          | 13,700  | 12,700  |
| <b>Utility System Construction</b>  | 20,300    | 20,200    | 19,400    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Specialty Trade Contractors</b>  | 48,700    | 48,400    | 60,000    | 9,300                           | 9,500   | 16,500  | 16,900          | 16,400  | 15,400  |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>  | 143,500   | 142,900   | 153,900   | 28,100                          | 28,000  | 38,400  | 26,400          | 26,300  | 26,000  |
| <b>Durable Goods</b>  | 75,800    | 75,000    | 79,600    | 15,000                          | 14,800  | 20,700  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Transportation Equipment Manufacturing</b>                                       | 22,300    | 22,200    | 23,700    | 10,200                          | 10,200  | 11,700  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Ship &amp; Boat Building</b>   | 13,900    | 13,700    | 15,100    | 7,900                           | 8,000   | 9,500   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Nondurable Goods</b>   | 67,700    | 67,900    | 74,300    | 13,100                          | 13,200  | 17,700  | 17,800          | 18,000  | 17,900  |
| <b>Food Manufacturing</b>   | 14,200    | 14,000    | 17,400    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Paper Manufacturing</b>  | 9,300     | 9,400     | 9,900     |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Petroleum &amp; Coal Products Mfg. &amp; Chemical Mfg.</b>                       |           |           |           |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Petroleum &amp; Coal Products Manufacturing</b>                                  | 10,400    | 10,400    | 10,100    | 3,200                           | 3,100   | 3,200   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Chemical Manufacturing</b>   | 22,500    | 22,600    | 23,500    | 4,800                           | 4,900   | 4,900   | 10,100          | 10,200  | 10,100  |
| <b>Basic Chemical Manufacturing</b>   | 11,800    | 11,900    | 12,700    |                                 |         |         | 5,500           | 5,500   | 5,700   |
| <b>Resin, Synthetic Rubber, &amp; Artif. &amp; Synthetic Fibers &amp; Filaments</b> |           |           |           |                                 |         |         | 3,200           | 3,300   | 3,100   |
| <b>Service Providing</b>  | 1,467,300 | 1,470,500 | 1,629,000 | 367,500                         | 368,400 | 538,400 | 296,700         | 296,200 | 287,400 |
| <b>Private Service Providing</b>  | 1,093,500 | 1,095,200 | 1,244,700 | 276,500                         | 276,700 | 433,300 | 220,500         | 219,400 | 212,100 |
| <b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>                                       | 361,300   | 362,800   | 381,300   | 88,200                          | 88,500  | 122,900 | 66,100          | 65,700  | 63,000  |
| <b>Wholesale Trade</b>  | 72,300    | 72,100    | 75,000    | 20,200                          | 20,000  | 25,800  | 13,100          | 13,200  | 12,700  |
| <b>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods</b>  | 34,400    | 34,500    | 38,000    | 8,200                           | 8,300   | 12,400  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods</b>                                       | 27,500    | 27,300    | 27,800    | 9,500                           | 9,500   | 9,600   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Retail Trade</b>   | 211,000   | 212,300   | 224,900   | 42,300                          | 42,800  | 67,600  | 39,000          | 39,100  | 37,800  |
| <b>Clothing &amp; Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise</b>              |           |           |           |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Motor Vehicle &amp; Parts Dealers</b>  | 24,500    | 24,500    | 28,500    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Building Material &amp; Garden Equipment &amp; Supplies Dealers</b>              | 20,700    | 20,200    | 19,400    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Food &amp; Beverage Stores</b>   | 31,600    | 31,600    | 40,300    | 3,900                           | 3,800   | 12,500  | 6,400           | 6,400   | 6,300   |
| <b>Grocery Stores</b>   | 30,400    | 30,600    | 34,100    | 3,700                           | 3,600   | 10,100  | 6,000           | 6,000   | 5,400   |
| <b>Health &amp; Personal Care Stores</b>  | 13,100    | 13,400    | 14,600    | 3,500                           | 3,400   | 5,300   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Gasoline Stations</b>  | 17,200    | 17,000    | 18,500    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores</b>                                     | 15,000    | 14,700    | 18,600    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>General Merchandise Stores</b>   | 48,500    | 50,300    | 50,700    | 5,700                           | 5,900   | 14,100  | 9,000           | 9,300   | 8,500   |
| <b>Department Stores</b>  | 14,800    | 15,300    | 16,200    |                                 |         |         | 2,600           | 2,700   | 2,400   |
| <b>Transportation, Warehousing, &amp; Utilities</b>                                 | 78,000    | 78,400    | 81,400    | 25,700                          | 25,700  | 29,500  | 14,000          | 13,400  | 12,500  |
| <b>Utilities</b>  | 8,700     | 8,600     | 9,600     | 2,800                           | 2,700   | 2,800   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>   | 69,300    | 69,800    | 71,800    | 22,900                          | 23,000  | 26,700  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Truck Transportation</b>   | 13,700    | 14,000    | 18,500    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Support Activities for Transportation</b>  | 19,900    | 20,000    | 20,700    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Support Activities for Water Transportation</b>                                  |           |           |           |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Information</b>  | 28,100    | 28,200    | 29,500    | 7,700                           | 7,800   | 9,500   | 5,700           | 5,700   | 5,900   |
| <b>Telecommunications</b>   | 11,700    | 11,700    | 12,900    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>   | 94,300    | 94,600    | 98,800    | 24,200                          | 24,400  | 32,900  | 19,000          | 18,900  | 18,100  |
| <b>Finance &amp; Insurance</b>  | 59,100    | 59,500    | 64,200    | 10,700                          | 10,800  | 20,900  | 13,200          | 13,300  | 12,900  |
| <b>Credit Intermediation &amp; Related Activities</b>                               | 33,700    | 33,800    | 34,400    | 7,600                           | 7,700   | 10,400  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Depository Credit Intermediation</b>   | 22,500    | 22,700    | 23,600    | 5,100                           | 5,200   | 7,600   | 4,500           | 4,500   | 4,000   |
| <b>Insurance Carriers &amp; Related Activities</b>                                  | 22,500    | 22,500    | 25,300    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Real Estate &amp; Rental &amp; Leasing</b>                                       | 35,200    | 35,100    | 34,600    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>   | 169,400   | 167,700   | 193,900   | 44,900                          | 43,600  | 76,800  | 40,600          | 40,000  | 39,700  |
| <b>Professional, Scientific, &amp; Technical Services</b>                           | 59,100    | 59,000    | 75,100    | 14,600                          | 14,300  | 28,700  | 16,800          | 16,700  | 16,000  |
| <b>Legal Services</b>   | 13,700    | 13,700    | 20,100    | 5,800                           | 5,700   | 9,000   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping &amp; Payroll Services</b>              | 7,700     | 8,100     | 11,400    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Architectural, Engineering, &amp; Related Services</b>                           | 19,800    | 20,100    | 19,300    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Management of Companies &amp; Enterprises</b>                                    | 21,900    | 21,600    | 22,500    | 6,300                           | 6,100   | 8,700   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Admin. &amp; Support &amp; Waste Mgmt. &amp; Remediation Serv.</b>               | 88,400    | 87,100    | 96,300    | 24,000                          | 23,200  | 39,400  | 19,900          | 19,300  | 19,700  |
| <b>Administrative &amp; Support Services</b>  | 83,300    | 82,100    | 89,900    | 21,900                          | 21,100  | 37,400  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Employment Services</b>  | 37,500    | 37,800    | 36,300    | 8,000                           | 8,000   | 15,700  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Services to Buildings &amp; Dwellings</b>  | 14,500    | 14,600    | 20,600    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>  | 211,300   | 213,700   | 258,300   | 45,500                          | 47,000  | 82,500  | 41,600          | 41,600  | 40,100  |
| <b>Educational Services</b>   | 27,800    | 29,700    | 39,900    | 9,700                           | 11,600  | 20,600  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Colleges, Universities, &amp; Professional Schools</b>                           | 18,200    | 20,000    | 26,900    | 6,900                           | 8,700   | 10,400  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>  | 183,500   | 184,000   | 218,400   | 35,800                          | 35,400  | 61,900  | 36,200          | 36,100  | 34,300  |
| <b>Ambulatory Health Care Services</b>  | 70,700    | 71,000    | 75,600    | 12,600                          | 12,400  | 21,800  | 14,800          | 15,000  | 13,300  |
| <b>Offices of Physicians</b>  | 27,400    | 27,200    | 31,200    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Home Health Care Services</b>  | 15,500    | 15,300    | 15,200    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Hospitals</b>  | 55,600    | 55,800    | 65,300    | 17,100                          | 17,000  | 20,600  | 11,400          | 11,400  | 10,400  |
| <b>General Medical &amp; Surgical Hospitals</b>                                     | 50,300    | 50,300    | 55,000    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Nursing &amp; Residential Care Facilities</b>                                    | 33,900    | 33,900    | 44,800    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Nursing Care Facilities</b>  | 25,000    | 24,900    | 28,600    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Social Assistance</b>  | 23,300    | 23,300    | 32,700    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>  | 171,100   | 170,500   | 211,200   | 56,400                          | 55,800  | 86,300  | 33,100          | 33,100  | 31,500  |
| <b>Arts, Entertainment, &amp; Recreation</b>  | 29,600    | 29,100    | 36,800    | 6,400                           | 6,400   | 14,100  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Amusement, Gambling, &amp; Recreation Industries</b>                             | 25,400    | 24,900    | 30,900    | 4,900                           | 4,900   | 10,400  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Gambling Industries</b>  | 14,900    | 14,700    | 19,700    | 2,700                           | 2,700   | 6,000   |                 |         |         |
| <b>Casinos (except Casino hotels)</b>   | 14,100    | 13,900    | 17,700    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Accommodation &amp; Food Services</b>  | 141,500   | 141,400   | 174,400   | 50,000                          | 49,400  | 72,200  | 28,400          | 28,500  | 26,900  |
| <b>Accommodation</b>  | 14,100    | 14,200    | 27,000    | 11,300                          | 11,500  | 15,500  |                 |         |         |
| <b>Food Services &amp; Drinking Places</b>  | 127,400   | 127,200   | 147,400   | 38,700                          | 37,900  | 56,700  | 25,800          | 25,800  | 24,200  |
| <b>Other Services</b>   | 58,000    | 57,700    | 71,700    | 9,600                           | 9,600   | 22,400  | 14,400          | 14,400  | 13,800  |
| <b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>   | 17,700    | 17,700    | 21,000    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Automotive Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>  | 9,700     | 9,700     | 11,900    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Personal &amp; Laundry Services</b>  | 14,600    | 14,400    | 18,100    |                                 |         |         |                 |         |         |
| <b>Government</b>   | 373,800   | 375,300   | 384,300   | 91,000                          | 91,700  | 105,100 | 76,200          | 76,800  | 75,300  |
| <b>Federal Government</b>   | 32,900    | 33,300    | 34,300    | 13,200                          | 13,400  | 15,700  | 3,600           | 3,700   | 2,600   |
| <b>State Government</b>   | 118,300   | 119,200   | 122,100   | 24,100                          | 24,400  | 26,500  | 40,600          | 41,000  | 41,500  |
| <b>Local Government</b>   | 222,600   | 222,800   | 227,900   | 53,700                          | 53,900  | 62,900  | 32,000          | 32,100  | 31,200  |

**LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**

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|   | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA |                |                | LAFAYETTE MSA  |                |                | LAKE CHARLES MSA |               |               |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | PREL                        | REV            | REV            | PREL           | REV            | REV            | PREL             | REV           | REV           |
|   | APR                         | MAR            | APR            | APR            | MAR            | APR            | APR              | MAR           | APR           |
|   | 2006                        | 2006           | 2005           | 2006           | 2006           | 2005           | 2006             | 2006          | 2005          |
| <i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>  | <b>178,500</b>              | <b>178,400</b> | <b>173,400</b> | <b>141,300</b> | <b>141,200</b> | <b>136,200</b> | <b>91,500</b>    | <b>91,900</b> | <b>90,300</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>  | <b>144,000</b>              | <b>143,700</b> | <b>139,900</b> | <b>124,500</b> | <b>124,400</b> | <b>120,100</b> | <b>76,600</b>    | <b>77,000</b> | <b>75,100</b> |
| <b>Goods Producing</b>  | <b>27,500</b>               | <b>27,200</b>  | <b>26,400</b>  | <b>29,400</b>  | <b>29,100</b>  | <b>28,600</b>  | <b>22,200</b>    | <b>22,500</b> | <b>19,600</b> |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining &amp; Construction</b>                            | <b>13,200</b>               | <b>12,900</b>  | <b>11,800</b>  | <b>21,000</b>  | <b>20,800</b>  | <b>19,800</b>  | <b>13,600</b>    | <b>13,800</b> | <b>10,700</b> |
| <b>Mining</b>   |                             |                |                | <b>14,200</b>  | <b>13,900</b>  | <b>13,300</b>  |                  |               |               |
| <b>Oil &amp; Gas Extraction</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Crude Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Extraction</b>                                 |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Support Activities for Mining</b>  |                             |                |                | <b>12,900</b>  | <b>12,600</b>  | <b>12,200</b>  |                  |               |               |
| <b>Drilling Oil &amp; Gas Wells</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Construction</b>   | <b>9,500</b>                | <b>9,400</b>   | <b>8,300</b>   |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Building, Development, General Construction, &amp; Heavy Construction</b>        |                             |                |                |                |                |                | <b>5,500</b>     | <b>5,500</b>  | <b>5,700</b>  |
| <b>Construction of Buildings</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Residential Building Construction</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Nonresidential Building Construction</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Heavy &amp; Civil Engineering Construction</b>                                   |                             |                |                |                |                |                | <b>4,500</b>     | <b>4,500</b>  | <b>4,600</b>  |
| <b>Utility System Construction</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Specialty Trade Contractors</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>  | <b>14,300</b>               | <b>14,300</b>  | <b>14,600</b>  | <b>8,400</b>   | <b>8,300</b>   | <b>8,800</b>   | <b>8,600</b>     | <b>8,700</b>  | <b>8,900</b>  |
| <b>Durable Goods</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Transportation Equipment Manufacturing</b>                                       | <b>3,800</b>                | <b>4,000</b>   | <b>4,400</b>   |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Ship &amp; Boat Building</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Nondurable Goods</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                | <b>7,100</b>     | <b>7,100</b>  | <b>7,200</b>  |
| <b>Food Manufacturing</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Paper Manufacturing</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Petroleum &amp; Coal Products Mfg. &amp; Chemical Mfg.</b>                       |                             |                |                |                |                |                | <b>6,500</b>     | <b>6,500</b>  | <b>6,700</b>  |
| <b>Petroleum &amp; Coal Products Manufacturing</b>                                  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Chemical Manufacturing</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                | <b>4,000</b>     | <b>4,000</b>  | <b>4,300</b>  |
| <b>Basic Chemical Manufacturing</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Resin, Synthetic Rubber, &amp; Artif. &amp; Synthetic Fibers &amp; Filaments</b> |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Service Providing</b>  | <b>151,000</b>              | <b>151,200</b> | <b>147,000</b> | <b>111,900</b> | <b>112,100</b> | <b>107,600</b> | <b>69,300</b>    | <b>69,400</b> | <b>70,700</b> |
| <b>Private Service Providing</b>  | <b>116,500</b>              | <b>116,500</b> | <b>113,500</b> | <b>95,100</b>  | <b>95,300</b>  | <b>91,500</b>  | <b>54,400</b>    | <b>54,500</b> | <b>55,500</b> |
| <b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>                                       | <b>33,800</b>               | <b>34,000</b>  | <b>33,100</b>  | <b>28,300</b>  | <b>28,400</b>  | <b>27,600</b>  | <b>17,000</b>    | <b>17,300</b> | <b>17,300</b> |
| <b>Wholesale Trade</b>  | <b>7,100</b>                | <b>7,100</b>   | <b>7,000</b>   | <b>6,800</b>   | <b>6,800</b>   | <b>6,400</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods</b>                                       |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Retail Trade</b>   | <b>20,000</b>               | <b>20,200</b>  | <b>19,700</b>  | <b>17,100</b>  | <b>17,200</b>  | <b>17,000</b>  | <b>9,900</b>     | <b>10,300</b> | <b>10,600</b> |
| <b>Clothing &amp; Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise</b>              |                             |                |                |                |                |                | <b>3,400</b>     | <b>3,500</b>  | <b>3,500</b>  |
| <b>Motor Vehicle &amp; Parts Dealers</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Building Material &amp; Garden Equipment &amp; Supplies Dealers</b>              |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Food &amp; Beverage Stores</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Grocery Stores</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Health &amp; Personal Care Stores</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Gasoline Stations</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores</b>                                     |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>General Merchandise Stores</b>   | <b>4,400</b>                | <b>4,500</b>   | <b>4,100</b>   | <b>3,100</b>   | <b>3,100</b>   | <b>3,100</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Department Stores</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Transportation, Warehousing, &amp; Utilities</b>                                 | <b>6,700</b>                | <b>6,700</b>   | <b>6,400</b>   | <b>4,400</b>   | <b>4,400</b>   | <b>4,200</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Utilities</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Truck Transportation</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Support Activities for Transportation</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Support Activities for Water Transportation</b>                                  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Information</b>  | <b>2,900</b>                | <b>2,900</b>   | <b>2,900</b>   | <b>3,300</b>   | <b>3,400</b>   | <b>3,200</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Telecommunications</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>   | <b>7,400</b>                | <b>7,400</b>   | <b>7,300</b>   | <b>8,700</b>   | <b>8,800</b>   | <b>8,100</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Finance &amp; Insurance</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Credit Intermediation &amp; Related Activities</b>                               |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Depository Credit Intermediation</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Insurance Carriers &amp; Related Activities</b>                                  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Real Estate &amp; Rental &amp; Leasing</b>                                       |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>   | <b>17,000</b>               | <b>16,900</b>  | <b>15,100</b>  | <b>15,000</b>  | <b>15,000</b>  | <b>14,200</b>  | <b>7,100</b>     | <b>6,800</b>  | <b>6,900</b>  |
| <b>Professional, Scientific, &amp; Technical Services</b>                           |                             |                |                | <b>6,700</b>   | <b>6,800</b>   | <b>6,600</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Legal Services</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping &amp; Payroll Services</b>              |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Architectural, Engineering, &amp; Related Services</b>                           |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Management of Companies &amp; Enterprises</b>                                    |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Admin. &amp; Support &amp; Waste Mgmt. &amp; Remediation Serv.</b>               | <b>8,400</b>                | <b>8,400</b>   | <b>8,100</b>   | <b>5,600</b>   | <b>5,500</b>   | <b>5,200</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Administrative &amp; Support Services</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Employment Services</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Services to Buildings &amp; Dwellings</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>  | <b>23,600</b>               | <b>23,500</b>  | <b>23,400</b>  | <b>20,700</b>  | <b>20,800</b>  | <b>20,000</b>  |                  |               |               |
| <b>Educational Services</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Colleges, Universities, &amp; Professional Schools</b>                           |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>  | <b>22,600</b>               | <b>22,500</b>  | <b>22,300</b>  | <b>19,000</b>  | <b>19,100</b>  | <b>18,400</b>  |                  |               |               |
| <b>Ambulatory Health Care Services</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Offices of Physicians</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Home Health Care Services</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Hospitals</b>  | <b>8,300</b>                | <b>8,300</b>   | <b>8,500</b>   | <b>5,300</b>   | <b>5,500</b>   | <b>5,200</b>   | <b>3,200</b>     | <b>3,100</b>  | <b>3,300</b>  |
| <b>General Medical &amp; Surgical Hospitals</b>                                     | <b>6,600</b>                | <b>6,600</b>   | <b>6,900</b>   |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Nursing &amp; Residential Care Facilities</b>                                    |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Nursing Care Facilities</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Social Assistance</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>  | <b>24,200</b>               | <b>24,200</b>  | <b>23,900</b>  | <b>14,400</b>  | <b>14,200</b>  | <b>13,800</b>  | <b>11,300</b>    | <b>11,500</b> | <b>12,000</b> |
| <b>Arts, Entertainment, &amp; Recreation</b>  | <b>10,000</b>               | <b>9,900</b>   | <b>9,800</b>   |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Amusement, Gambling, &amp; Recreation Industries</b>                             | <b>9,400</b>                | <b>9,300</b>   | <b>9,400</b>   |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Gambling Industries</b>  | <b>8,100</b>                | <b>7,900</b>   | <b>8,500</b>   |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Casinos (except Casino hotels)</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Accommodation &amp; Food Services</b>  | <b>14,200</b>               | <b>14,300</b>  | <b>14,100</b>  | <b>13,100</b>  | <b>13,100</b>  | <b>12,200</b>  | <b>10,200</b>    | <b>10,500</b> | <b>9,000</b>  |
| <b>Accommodation</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Food Services &amp; Drinking Places</b>  | <b>13,100</b>               | <b>13,100</b>  | <b>12,800</b>  | <b>12,200</b>  | <b>12,200</b>  | <b>11,200</b>  |                  |               |               |
| <b>Other Services</b>   | <b>7,600</b>                | <b>7,600</b>   | <b>7,800</b>   | <b>4,700</b>   | <b>4,700</b>   | <b>4,600</b>   |                  |               |               |
| <b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>   |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Automotive Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Personal &amp; Laundry Services</b>  |                             |                |                |                |                |                |                  |               |               |
| <b>Government</b>   | <b>34,500</b>               | <b>34,700</b>  | <b>33,500</b>  | <b>16,800</b>  | <b>16,800</b>  | <b>16,100</b>  | <b>14,900</b>    | <b>14,900</b> | <b>15,200</b> |
| <b>Federal Government</b>   | <b>4,600</b>                | <b>4,600</b>   | <b>4,700</b>   | <b>1,100</b>   | <b>1,100</b>   | <b>1,100</b>   | <b>600</b>       | <b>600</b>    | <b>700</b>    |
| <b>State Government</b>   | <b>10,700</b>               | <b>10,800</b>  | <b>10,000</b>  | <b>5,200</b>   | <b>5,200</b>   | <b>5,300</b>   | <b>4,200</b>     | <b>4,200</b>  | <b>4,300</b>  |
| <b>Local Government</b>   | <b>19,200</b>               | <b>19,300</b>  | <b>18,800</b>  | <b>10,500</b>  | <b>10,500</b>  | <b>9,700</b>   | <b>10,100</b>    | <b>10,100</b> | <b>10,200</b> |

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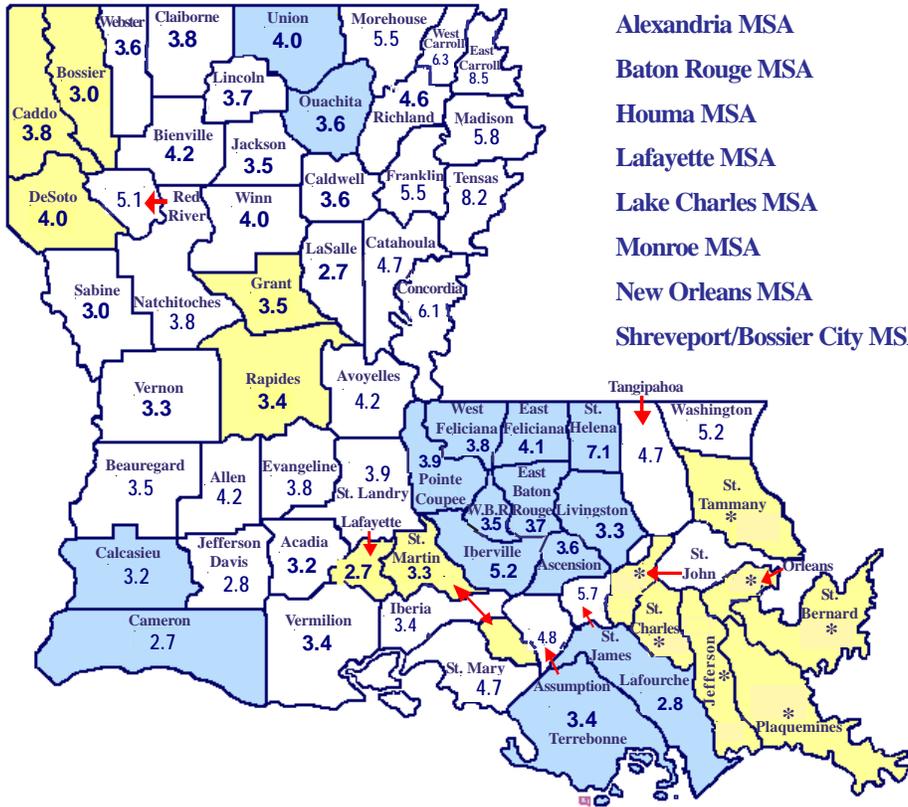
## LOUISIANA &amp; MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

|   | MONROE MSA    |               |               | HOUMA-BAYOU CANE-<br>THIBODAUX MSA |               |               | ALEXANDRIA MSA |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | PREL          | REV           | REV           | PREL                               | REV           | REV           | PREL           | REV           | REV           |
|   | APR           | MAR           | APR           | APR                                | MAR           | APR           | APR            | MAR           | APR           |
|   | 2006          | 2006          | 2005          | 2006                               | 2006          | 2005          | 2006           | 2006          | 2005          |
| <i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>                                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>  | <b>79,800</b> | <b>79,500</b> | <b>78,800</b> | <b>86,600</b>                      | <b>85,900</b> | <b>85,100</b> | <b>64,400</b>  | <b>65,700</b> | <b>62,700</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>  | <b>65,100</b> | <b>64,900</b> | <b>64,500</b> | <b>72,100</b>                      | <b>71,800</b> | <b>70,700</b> | <b>48,800</b>  | <b>50,000</b> | <b>47,300</b> |
| <b>Goods Producing</b>  | <b>12,500</b> | <b>12,300</b> | <b>12,700</b> | <b>19,600</b>                      | <b>19,100</b> | <b>18,300</b> | <b>8,700</b>   | <b>8,900</b>  | <b>8,300</b>  |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>                             |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Natural Resources & Mining & Construction                         |               |               |               | 13,900                             | 13,500        | 12,600        |                |               |               |
| Mining  |               |               |               | 6,400                              | 6,200         | 5,900         |                |               |               |
| Oil & Gas Extraction  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction                          |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Support Activities for Mining                                     |               |               |               | 5,800                              | 5,600         | 5,300         |                |               |               |
| Drilling Oil & Gas Wells  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Construction  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Construction of Buildings   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Residential Building Construction                                 |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Nonresidential Building Construction                              |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction                            |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Utility System Construction                                       |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Specialty Trade Contractors                                       |               |               |               | 2,700                              | 2,600         | 2,400         |                |               |               |
| Manufacturing   | 8,400         | 8,500         | 8,900         |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Durable Goods   |               |               |               | 6,900                              | 6,700         | 6,900         |                |               |               |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing                            |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Ship & Boat Building  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Nondurable Goods  | 5,600         | 5,600         | 6,000         |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Food Manufacturing  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Paper Manufacturing   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing                           |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Chemical Manufacturing  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Basic Chemical Manufacturing                                      |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Service Providing   | 67,300        | 67,200        | 66,100        | 67,000                             | 66,800        | 66,800        | 55,700         | 56,800        | 54,400        |
| Private Service Providing   | 52,600        | 52,600        | 51,800        | 52,500                             | 52,700        | 52,400        | 40,100         | 41,100        | 39,000        |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities                                | 14,600        | 14,700        | 14,400        | 20,800                             | 21,000        | 20,500        | 10,800         | 11,200        | 11,200        |
| Wholesale Trade   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods                               |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods                            |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Retail Trade  | 9,900         | 10,000        | 9,500         | 10,500                             | 10,500        | 10,300        | 7,700          | 8,000         | 7,600         |
| Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise       | 3,500         | 3,600         | 3,300         |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers                                     |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers           |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Food & Beverage Stores  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Grocery Stores  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Health & Personal Care Stores                                     |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Gasoline Stations   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores                          |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| General Merchandise Stores  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Department Stores   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities                          |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Utilities   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Transportation and Warehousing                                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Truck Transportation  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Support Activities for Transportation                             |               |               |               | 4,400                              | 4,500         | 4,400         |                |               |               |
| Support Activities for Water Transportation                       |               |               |               | 4,300                              | 4,300         | 4,100         |                |               |               |
| Information   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Telecommunications  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Financial Activities  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Finance & Insurance   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Credit Intermediation & Related Activities                        |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Depository Credit Intermediation                                  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities                           |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing                                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Professional & Business Services                                  | 7,000         | 6,900         | 7,400         |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Legal Services  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services       |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises                             |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.                |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Administrative & Support Services                                 |               |               |               | 4,500                              | 4,400         | 4,400         |                |               |               |
| Employment Services   |               |               |               | 3,400                              | 3,300         | 3,200         |                |               |               |
| Services to Buildings & Dwellings                                 |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Educational & Health Services                                     | 13,300        | 13,400        | 12,900        |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Educational Services  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Health Care & Social Assistance                                   | 12,600        | 12,700        | 12,200        |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services                                   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Offices of Physicians   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Home Health Care Services   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Hospitals   | 4,300         | 4,300         | 4,200         |                                    |               |               | 3,900          | 4,000         | 3,900         |
| General Medical & Surgical Hospitals                              | 3,500         | 3,600         | 3,400         |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities                             |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Nursing Care Facilities   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Social Assistance   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Leisure & Hospitality   | 6,500         | 6,600         | 6,800         | 6,400                              | 6,300         | 6,700         |                |               |               |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation                                 |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries                      |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Gambling Industries   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Casinos (except Casino hotels)                                    |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Accommodation & Food Services                                     |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Accommodation   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Food Services & Drinking Places                                   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Other Services  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Repair & Maintenance  |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Automotive Repair & Maintenance                                   |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Personal & Laundry Services                                       |               |               |               |                                    |               |               |                |               |               |
| Government  | 14,700        | 14,600        | 14,300        | 14,500                             | 14,100        | 14,400        | 15,600         | 15,700        | 15,400        |
| Federal Government  | 600           | 600           | 600           | 400                                | 400           | 400           | 2,800          | 2,800         | 2,800         |
| State Government  | 5,100         | 5,100         | 4,900         | 3,700                              | 3,600         | 3,400         | 5,400          | 5,400         | 5,400         |
| Local Government  | 9,000         | 8,900         | 8,800         | 10,400                             | 10,100        | 10,600        | 7,400          | 7,500         | 7,200         |

# Louisiana Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

April 2006



**Statewide** 4.1%

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Alexandria MSA              | 3.4% |
| Baton Rouge MSA             | 3.7% |
| Houma MSA                   | 3.1% |
| Lafayette MSA               | 2.9% |
| Lake Charles MSA            | 3.2% |
| Monroe MSA                  | 3.6% |
| New Orleans MSA             | 5.7% |
| Shreveport/Bossier City MSA | 3.6% |

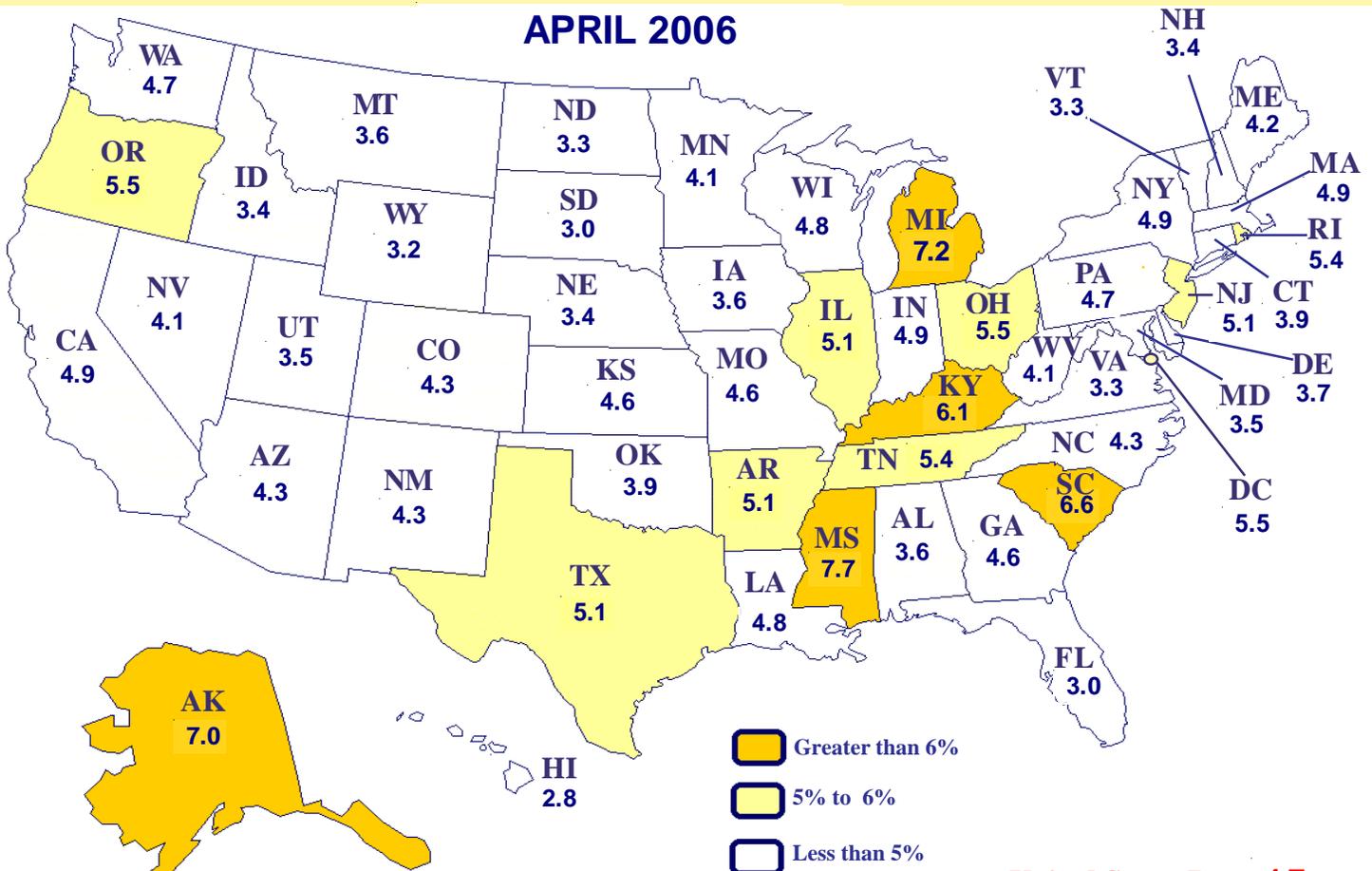
United States - Louisiana  
Unemployment Rates  
(Seasonally Adjusted)



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# United States Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

APRIL 2006



Greater than 6%  
5% to 6%  
Less than 5%

United States Rate 4.7

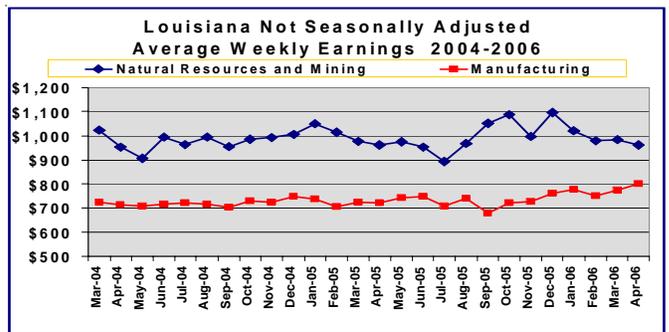
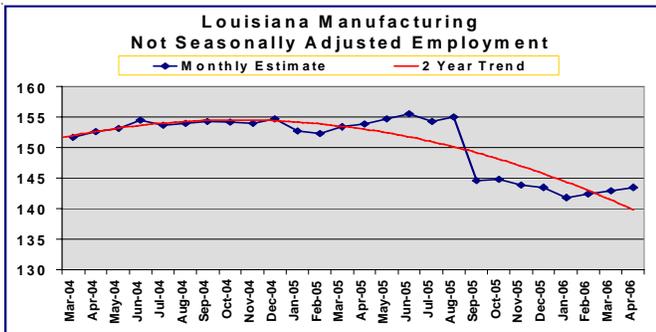
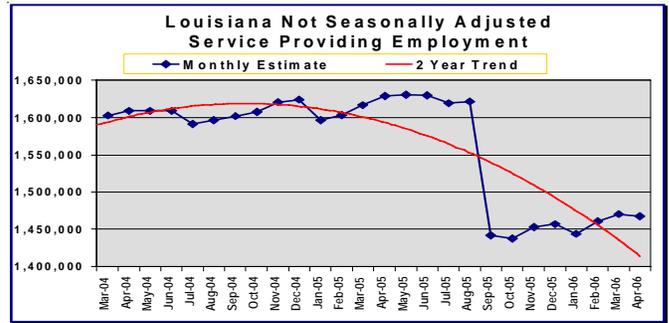
## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| Area  | Preliminary<br>April 2006 |                  |            | Preliminary (U.S. data is Revised)<br>March 2006 |                  |            | Revised<br>April 2005 |                  |            |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|
|   | Employed                  | Unemployed       | Rate       | Employed   | Unemployed       | Rate       | Employed              | Unemployed       | Rate       |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>                        | <b>143,405,000</b>        | <b>6,804,000</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>142,772,000</b>                               | <b>7,255,000</b> | <b>4.8</b> | <b>140,939,000</b>    | <b>7,335,000</b> | <b>4.9</b> |
| <b>LOUISIANA</b>                            | <b>1,785,879</b>          | <b>76,683</b>    | <b>4.1</b> | <b>1,771,828</b>                                 | <b>81,880</b>    | <b>4.4</b> | <b>2,003,034</b>      | <b>99,852</b>    | <b>4.7</b> |
| <b>ALEXANDRIA MSA</b>                       | <b>63,677</b>             | <b>2,225</b>     | <b>3.4</b> | <b>64,567</b>                                    | <b>2,319</b>     | <b>3.5</b> | <b>63,960</b>         | <b>3,102</b>     | <b>4.6</b> |
| Grant                                       | 7,921                     | 287              | 3.5        | 8,031  | 289              | 3.5        | 7,956                 | 445              | 5.3        |
| Rapides                                     | 55,756                    | 1,938            | 3.4        | 56,536   | 2,030            | 3.5        | 56,004                | 2,657            | 4.5        |
| <b>BATON ROUGE MSA</b>                      | <b>340,898</b>            | <b>13,266</b>    | <b>3.7</b> | <b>338,502</b>                                   | <b>14,115</b>    | <b>4.0</b> | <b>341,959</b>        | <b>17,243</b>    | <b>4.8</b> |
| Ascension                                   | 41,987                    | 1,576            | 3.6        | 41,692   | 1,586            | 3.7        | 42,117                | 2,010            | 4.6        |
| East Baton Rouge                            | 202,256                   | 7,796            | 3.7        | 200,834  | 8,461            | 4.0        | 202,885               | 9,843            | 4.6        |
| East Feliciana                              | 7,828                     | 335              | 4.1        | 7,773  | 340              | 4.2        | 7,853                 | 415              | 5.0        |
| Iberville                                   | 11,719                    | 649              | 5.2        | 11,636   | 732              | 5.9        | 11,755                | 885              | 7.0        |
| Livingston                                  | 49,409                    | 1,694            | 3.3        | 49,061   | 1,674            | 3.3        | 49,562                | 2,245            | 4.3        |
| Pointe Coupee                               | 9,265                     | 379              | 3.9        | 9,200  | 431              | 4.5        | 9,294                 | 625              | 6.3        |
| St. Helena                                  | 3,841                     | 293              | 7.1        | 3,814  | 281              | 6.9        | 3,853                 | 375              | 8.9        |
| West Baton Rouge                            | 10,007                    | 364              | 3.5        | 9,937  | 396              | 3.8        | 10,038                | 581              | 5.5        |
| West Feliciana                              | 4,587                     | 180              | 3.8        | 4,554  | 215              | 4.5        | 4,601                 | 265              | 5.4        |
| <b>HOUMA-BAYOU CANE-<br/>THIBODAUX MSA</b>  | <b>89,058</b>             | <b>2,829</b>     | <b>3.1</b> | <b>88,160</b>                                    | <b>3,041</b>     | <b>3.3</b> | <b>91,765</b>         | <b>3,933</b>     | <b>4.1</b> |
| Lafourche                                   | 42,258                    | 1,198            | 2.8        | 41,832   | 1,255            | 2.9        | 43,543                | 1,770            | 3.9        |
| Terrebonne                                  | 46,800                    | 1,631            | 3.4        | 46,328   | 1,786            | 3.7        | 48,222                | 2,163            | 4.3        |
| <b>LAFAYETTE MSA</b>                        | <b>120,276</b>            | <b>3,530</b>     | <b>2.9</b> | <b>119,257</b>                                   | <b>3,767</b>     | <b>3.1</b> | <b>120,072</b>        | <b>4,689</b>     | <b>3.8</b> |
| Lafayette                                   | 98,745                    | 2,786            | 2.7        | 97,909   | 2,972            | 2.9        | 98,578                | 3,686            | 3.6        |
| St. Martin                                  | 21,531                    | 744              | 3.3        | 21,348   | 795              | 3.6        | 21,494                | 1,003            | 4.5        |
| <b>LAKE CHARLES MSA</b>                     | <b>88,108</b>             | <b>2,870</b>     | <b>3.2</b> | <b>88,195</b>                                    | <b>3,094</b>     | <b>3.4</b> | <b>89,926</b>         | <b>4,443</b>     | <b>4.7</b> |
| Calcasieu                                   | 83,859                    | 2,753            | 3.2        | 83,942   | 2,933            | 3.4        | 85,589                | 4,248            | 4.7        |
| Cameron                                     | 4,249                     | 117              | 2.7        | 4,253  | 161              | 3.6        | 4,337                 | 195              | 4.3        |
| <b>MONROE MSA</b>                           | <b>77,143</b>             | <b>2,909</b>     | <b>3.6</b> | <b>76,657</b>                                    | <b>3,062</b>     | <b>3.8</b> | <b>78,614</b>         | <b>4,228</b>     | <b>5.1</b> |
| Ouachita                                    | 67,429                    | 2,502            | 3.6        | 67,005   | 2,659            | 3.8        | 68,715                | 3,589            | 5.0        |
| Union                                       | 9,714                     | 407              | 4.0        | 9,652  | 403              | 4.0        | 9,899                 | 639              | 6.1        |
| <b>NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE-<br/>KENNER MSA</b> | <b>401,646</b>            | <b>24,077</b>    | <b>5.7</b> | <b>401,382</b>                                   | <b>26,197</b>    | <b>6.1</b> | <b>605,955</b>        | <b>26,190</b>    | <b>4.1</b> |
| Jefferson                                   |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 223,553               | 8,934            | 3.8        |
| New Orleans City/O'Leans                    |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 193,203               | 10,014           | 4.9        |
| Plaquemines                                 |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 11,392                | 472              | 4.0        |
| St. Bernard                                 |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 30,187                | 1,407            | 4.5        |
| St. Charles                                 |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 23,781                | 1,000            | 4.0        |
| St. John Baptist                            |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 19,985                | 1,039            | 4.9        |
| St. Tammany                                 |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            | 103,854               | 3,325            | 3.1        |
| <b>SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER<br/>CITY MSA</b>      | <b>170,180</b>            | <b>6,289</b>     | <b>3.6</b> | <b>168,796</b>                                   | <b>6,505</b>     | <b>3.7</b> | <b>170,781</b>        | <b>8,880</b>     | <b>4.9</b> |
| Bossier                                     | 48,351                    | 1,511            | 3.0        | 47,958   | 1,563            | 3.2        | 48,522                | 2,147            | 4.2        |
| Caddo                                       | 111,189                   | 4,336            | 3.8        | 110,285  | 4,493            | 3.9        | 111,582               | 6,085            | 5.2        |
| De Soto                                     | 10,640                    | 442              | 4.0        | 10,553   | 449              | 4.1        | 10,677                | 648              | 5.7        |
| <b>NON-MSA PARISHES</b>                     |                           |                  |            |  |                  |            |                       |                  |            |
| Acadia (Crowley) <sup>1</sup>               | 23,694                    | 779              | 3.2        | 23,541   | 824              | 3.4        | 23,526                | 1,161            | 4.7        |
| Allen                                       | 7,740                     | 342              | 4.2        | 7,814  | 368              | 4.5        | 7,941                 | 586              | 6.9        |
| Assumption (Pierre Part) <sup>1</sup>       | 9,046                     | 460              | 4.8        | 8,959  | 488              | 5.2        | 9,190                 | 757              | 7.6        |
| Avoyelles                                   | 14,880                    | 654              | 4.2        | 14,711   | 680              | 4.4        | 14,818                | 983              | 6.2        |
| Beauregard (DeRidder) <sup>1</sup>          | 13,369                    | 481              | 3.5        | 12,913   | 499              | 3.7        | 13,483                | 744              | 5.2        |
| Bienville                                   | 5,809                     | 252              | 4.2        | 5,718  | 263              | 4.4        | 5,856                 | 435              | 6.9        |
| Caldwell                                    | 4,137                     | 154              | 3.6        | 3,925  | 171              | 4.2        | 4,021                 | 286              | 6.6        |
| Catahoula                                   | 4,040                     | 200              | 4.7        | 3,807  | 215              | 5.3        | 3,906                 | 271              | 6.5        |
| Claiborne                                   | 6,482                     | 256              | 3.8        | 6,364  | 261              | 3.9        | 6,507                 | 381              | 5.5        |
| Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) <sup>1</sup>     | 6,655                     | 432              | 6.1        | 6,558  | 478              | 6.8        | 6,678                 | 634              | 8.7        |
| East Carroll                                | 2,613                     | 242              | 8.5        | 2,487  | 256              | 9.3        | 2,527                 | 339              | 11.8       |
| Evangeline                                  | 11,301                    | 443              | 3.8        | 11,219   | 481              | 4.1        | 11,413                | 651              | 5.4        |
| Franklin                                    | 7,371                     | 427              | 5.5        | 7,028  | 451              | 6.0        | 7,287                 | 616              | 7.8        |
| Iberia (New Iberia) <sup>1</sup>            | 30,260                    | 1,080            | 3.4        | 29,468   | 1,184            | 3.9        | 30,550                | 1,688            | 5.2        |
| Jackson (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>               | 6,061                     | 218              | 3.5        | 6,010  | 245              | 3.9        | 6,124                 | 337              | 5.2        |
| Jefferson Davis (Jennings) <sup>1</sup>     | 13,265                    | 379              | 2.8        | 13,452   | 404              | 2.9        | 13,355                | 591              | 4.2        |
| La Salle                                    | 5,558                     | 156              | 2.7        | 5,449  | 176              | 3.1        | 5,580                 | 261              | 4.5        |
| Lincoln (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>               | 17,379                    | 671              | 3.7        | 17,234   | 721              | 4.0        | 17,562                | 968              | 5.2        |
| Madison (Tallulah) <sup>1</sup>             | 4,179                     | 259              | 5.8        | 4,197  | 275              | 6.1        | 4,235                 | 402              | 8.7        |
| Morehouse (Bastrop) <sup>1</sup>            | 10,761                    | 628              | 5.5        | 10,580   | 669              | 5.9        | 10,887                | 968              | 8.2        |
| Natchitoches (Natchitoches) <sup>1</sup>    | 17,221                    | 680              | 3.8        | 16,452   | 684              | 4.0        | 16,974                | 927              | 5.2        |
| Red River                                   | 3,085                     | 167              | 5.1        | 2,958  | 171              | 5.5        | 3,059                 | 266              | 8.0        |
| Richland                                    | 7,972                     | 381              | 4.6        | 7,805  | 404              | 4.9        | 7,936                 | 602              | 7.1        |
| Sabine                                      | 9,000                     | 280              | 3.0        | 8,799  | 295              | 3.2        | 9,011                 | 479              | 5.0        |
| St. James                                   | 7,619                     | 460              | 5.7        | 7,596  | 475              | 5.9        | 8,329                 | 675              | 7.5        |
| St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) <sup>1</sup> | 34,429                    | 1,404            | 3.9        | 34,033   | 1,452            | 4.1        | 34,488                | 1,906            | 5.2        |
| St. Mary (Morgan City) <sup>1</sup>         | 19,908                    | 984              | 4.7        | 19,743   | 1,080            | 5.2        | 20,175                | 1,631            | 7.5        |
| Tangipahoa (Hammond) <sup>1</sup>           | 44,378                    | 2,185            | 4.7        | 43,069   | 2,295            | 5.1        | 46,949                | 2,455            | 5.0        |
| Tensas                                      | 2,090                     | 186              | 8.2        | 1,927  | 187              | 8.8        | 1,995                 | 196              | 8.9        |
| Vermilion (Abbeville) <sup>1</sup>          | 22,022                    | 777              | 3.4        | 21,421   | 836              | 3.8        | 22,105                | 1,141            | 4.9        |
| Vernon (Fort Polk South) <sup>1</sup>       | 20,166                    | 688              | 3.3        | 19,611   | 734              | 3.6        | 20,112                | 938              | 4.5        |
| Washington (Bogalusa) <sup>1</sup>          | 13,853                    | 758              | 5.2        | 13,640   | 776              | 5.4        | 15,154                | 967              | 6.0        |
| Webster (Minden) <sup>1</sup>               | 18,410                    | 693              | 3.6        | 17,952   | 712              | 3.8        | 18,306                | 1,081            | 5.6        |
| West Carroll                                | 4,395                     | 296              | 6.3        | 4,093  | 316              | 7.2        | 4,172                 | 490              | 10.5       |
| Winn  | 5,742                     | 237              | 4.0        | 5,781  | 251              | 4.2        | 5,790                 | 333              | 5.4        |

Household sample data were not available.

<sup>1</sup>In addition to the eight (8) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Louisiana, there are seventeen (17) Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MCs): Jackson and Lincoln Parishes combine to constitute one MC area. Civilian Labor Force can be derived by adding employed and unemployed. For related information or data, please visit: [www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm).

The 108,900 workers statewide in all manufacturing earned an average of \$800.26 per week in April 2006. Average weekly hours worked in April were 41.4 and average hourly earnings were \$19.33.



| AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES |           |          |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
|  | Louisiana |          |          | New Orleans MSA |          |          | Baton Rouge MSA |          |          | Shreveport-Bossier City MSA |          |          |
|  | APR 2006  | MAR 2006 | APR 2005 | APR 2006        | MAR 2006 | APR 2005 | APR 2006        | MAR 2006 | APR 2005 | APR 2006                    | MAR 2006 | APR 2005 |
| <b>Average Weekly Earnings \$</b>  |           |          |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Natural Resources & Mining   | 960.87    | 983.97   | 961.09   |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Mining   | 963.12    | 984.06   | 971.79   |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas  | 1,534.62  | 1,381.28 | 1,275.61 |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Support Act for Mining   | 881.88    | 938.32   | 963.97   |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Manufacturing  | 800.26    | 773.08   | 721.65   | 954.06          | 943.52   | 936.22   | 1,039.43        | 878.88   | 800.90   |                             |          |          |
| Durable Goods  | 749.06    | 759.50   | 718.44   |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Transportation Equipment   | 835.77    | 851.04   | 778.37   | 733.98          | 673.36   | 672.80   |                 |          |          | 1,218.00                    | 1,211.10 | 1,055.23 |
| Ship & Boat Building   | 745.45    | 740.28   | 739.64   | 666.04          | 666.04   | 672.80   |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Nondurable Goods   | 860.18    | 787.84   | 724.17   | 954.06          | 943.52   | 936.22   | 1,628.80        | 1,153.96 | 1,193.50 |                             |          |          |
| Food Manufacturing   | 453.43    | 445.51   | 434.42   |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Paper Manufacturing  | 1,043.19  | 1,042.87 | 776.10   |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Petroleum & Coal Products  | 897.70    | 897.70   | 1,032.30 |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Chemical Manufacturing   | 1,410.95  | 1,249.33 | 1,204.30 | 1,526.07        | 1,554.12 | 1,399.11 | 2,284.85        | 1,794.72 | 1,643.01 |                             |          |          |
| Basic Chemical Manufacturing   | 1,590.31  | 1,527.60 | 1,470.91 |                 |          |          | 2,289.37        | 1,936.32 | 1,649.51 |                             |          |          |
| Resin, Synthetic Rubber  |           |          |          |                 |          |          | 1,114.86        | 1,114.86 | 1,234.53 |                             |          |          |
| <b>Average Weekly Hours</b>  |           |          |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Natural Resources & Mining   | 44.3      | 42.8     | 46.7     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Mining   | 44.2      | 42.6     | 46.1     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas  | 49.6      | 44.4     | 44.4     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Support Act for Mining   | 42.5      | 41.5     | 47.3     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Manufacturing  | 41.4      | 42.5     | 42.5     | 41.9            | 43.4     | 36.7     | 46.8            | 44.5     | 40.8     |                             |          |          |
| Durable Goods  | 41.8      | 43.4     | 45.1     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Transportation Equipment   | 39.0      | 40.7     | 44.1     | 39.0            | 38.0     | 41.2     |                 |          |          | 40.6                        | 40.6     | 44.3     |
| Ship & Boat Building   | 39.8      | 41.8     | 45.1     | 38.3            | 38.3     | 41.2     |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Nondurable Goods   | 41.0      | 41.4     | 39.4     | 41.9            | 43.4     | 36.7     | 50.9            | 42.1     | 41.6     |                             |          |          |
| Food Manufacturing   | 38.2      | 40.1     | 40.6     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Paper Manufacturing  | 44.6      | 45.8     | 39.0     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Petroleum & Coal Products  | 49.9      | 49.9     | 45.0     |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Chemical Manufacturing   | 46.2      | 45.2     | 41.7     | 45.5            | 48.4     | 44.7     | 65.6            | 61.4     | 51.2     |                             |          |          |
| Basic Chemical Manufacturing   | 47.8      | 47.5     | 44.6     |                 |          |          | 64.2            | 59.8     | 51.1     |                             |          |          |
| Resin, Synthetic Rubber  |           |          |          |                 |          |          | 47.3            | 47.3     | 47.3     |                             |          |          |
| <b>Average Hourly Earnings \$</b>  |           |          |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Natural Resources & Mining   | 21.69     | 22.99    | 20.58    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Mining   | 21.79     | 23.10    | 21.08    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas  | 30.94     | 31.11    | 28.73    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Support Act for Mining   | 20.75     | 22.61    | 20.38    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Manufacturing  | 19.33     | 18.19    | 16.98    | 22.77           | 21.74    | 25.51    | 22.21           | 19.75    | 19.63    |                             |          |          |
| Durable Goods  | 17.92     | 17.50    | 15.93    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Transportation Equipment   | 21.43     | 20.91    | 17.65    | 18.82           | 17.72    | 16.33    |                 |          |          | 30.00                       | 29.83    | 23.82    |
| Ship & Boat Building   | 18.73     | 17.71    | 16.40    | 17.39           | 17.39    | 16.33    |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Nondurable Goods   | 20.98     | 19.03    | 18.38    | 22.77           | 21.74    | 25.51    | 32.00           | 27.41    | 28.69    |                             |          |          |
| Food Manufacturing   | 11.87     | 11.11    | 10.70    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Paper Manufacturing  | 23.39     | 22.77    | 19.90    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Petroleum & Coal Products  | 17.99     | 17.99    | 22.94    |                 |          |          |                 |          |          |                             |          |          |
| Chemical Manufacturing   | 30.54     | 27.64    | 28.88    | 33.54           | 32.11    | 31.30    | 34.83           | 29.23    | 32.09    |                             |          |          |
| Basic Chemical Manufacturing   | 33.27     | 32.16    | 32.98    |                 |          |          | 35.66           | 32.38    | 32.28    |                             |          |          |
| Resin, Synthetic Rubber  |           |          |          |                 |          |          | 23.57           | 23.57    | 26.10    |                             |          |          |

**LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE**

**WEEK ENDING - April 15, 2006**

| RLMA/PARISH    | INITIAL CLAIMS | WEEKS CLAIMED | RLMA/PARISH   | INITIAL CLAIMS | WEEKS CLAIMED | RLMA/PARISH   | INITIAL CLAIMS | WEEKS CLAIMED |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>RLMA 1</b>  | <b>275</b>     | <b>3,544</b>  | <b>RLMA 4</b> | <b>198</b>     | <b>2,461</b>  | <b>RLMA 7</b> | <b>274</b>     | <b>3,337</b>  |
| JEFFERSON      | 98             | 1,391         | ACADIA        | 14             | 191           | BIENVILLE     | 7              | 80            |
| ORLEANS        | 73             | 987           | EVANGELINE    | 3              | 114           | BOSSIER       | 39             | 524           |
| PLAQUEMINES    | 4              | 88            | IBERIA        | 18             | 277           | CADDO         | 115            | 1,686         |
| ST. BERNARD    | 2              | 22            | LAFAYETTE     | 67             | 800           | CLAIBORNE     | 6              | 61            |
| ST. CHARLES    | 17             | 164           | ST. LANDRY    | 47             | 421           | DESOTO        | 7              | 145           |
| ST. JAMES      | 14             | 146           | ST. MARTIN    | 15             | 183           | LINCOLN       | 14             | 226           |
| ST. JOHN       | 23             | 303           | ST. MARY      | 19             | 245           | NATCHITOCHE   | 39             | 229           |
| ST. TAMMANY    | 44             | 443           | VERMILION     | 15             | 230           | RED RIVER     | 11             | 61            |
|                |                |               |               |                |               | SABINE        | 6              | 70            |
|                |                |               |               |                |               | WEBSTER       | 30             | 255           |
| <b>RLMA 2</b>  | <b>342</b>     | <b>4,059</b>  | <b>RLMA 5</b> | <b>84</b>      | <b>1,022</b>  | <b>RLMA 8</b> | <b>153</b>     | <b>2,259</b>  |
| ASCENSION      | 38             | 438           | ALLEN         | 11             | 70            | CALDWELL      | 4              | 56            |
| E. BATON ROUGE | 158            | 2,006         | BEAUREGARD    | 14             | 127           | EAST CARROLL  | 7              | 123           |
| EAST FELICIANA | 6              | 63            | CALCASIEU     | 53             | 733           | FRANKLIN      | 12             | 218           |
| IBERVILLE      | 12             | 172           | CAMERON       | 0              | 17            | JACKSON       | 3              | 88            |
| LIVINGSTON     | 46             | 383           | JEFF. DAVIS   | 6              | 75            | MADISON       | 4              | 88            |
| POINTE COUPEE  | 6              | 82            | <b>RLMA 6</b> | <b>114</b>     | <b>1,305</b>  | MOREHOUSE     | 14             | 312           |
| ST. HELENA     | 6              | 46            | AVOYELLES     | 22             | 162           | OUACHITA      | 83             | 928           |
| TANGIPAHOA     | 46             | 589           | CATAHOULA     | 2              | 68            | RICHLAND      | 9              | 187           |
| WASHINGTON     | 17             | 165           | CONCORDIA     | 8              | 144           | TENSAS        | 0              | 58            |
| W. BATON ROUGE | 6              | 90            | GRANT         | 13             | 77            | UNION         | 13             | 116           |
| WEST FELICIANA | 1              | 25            | LASALLE       | 2              | 38            | WEST CARROLL  | 4              | 85            |
| <b>RLMA 3</b>  | <b>73</b>      | <b>748</b>    | RAPIDES       | 45             | 557           |               |                |               |
| ASSUMPTION     | 13             | 103           | VERNON        | 16             | 195           |               |                |               |
| LAFOURCHE      | 32             | 252           | W INN         | 6              | 64            |               |                |               |
| TERREBONNE     | 28             | 393           |               |                |               |               |                |               |

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI), UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE), and UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for EX-SERVICE MEMBERS (UCX) DATA ONLY.

THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS FOR DUA (DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE).

## Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- ➔ **Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?**
  - Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.
  
- ➔ **Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?**
  - Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.
  
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?**
  - The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.
  
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the nonfarm employment series?**
  - The major change to the nonfarm employment series is the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. For a list of the additional published cells in the 2006 nonfarm employment series go to the Web site [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net), scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, click on Publications and Reports, under Labor Market Information select Data Explanations and then select March 2006 – 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics.

Have a question you would like to have answered? Email us at [OOIS@ldol.state.la.us](mailto:OOIS@ldol.state.la.us)

# GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

**Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS)** - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

**Civilian Labor Force** - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

**Employed** - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

**Unemployed** - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

**Unemployment Rate** - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

**Continued Claim** - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

**Current Employment Statistics (CES)** - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)** - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

**Durable Goods** - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

**Initial Claims** - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

**Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC)** - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

**NAICS (North American Industry Classification System)** - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

**Nonfarm Employment** - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

**Nondurable Goods** - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

**Seasonally Adjusted** - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

**Subsector** - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

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The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

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